

# Reception News

**Autumn 2 Week 7 - 19th December 2025**

## What have we been learning?

- ◆ We have been practising our recognition of numbers (up to 10) & our 1:1 counting this week.
- ◆ In our Phonics sessions we have been reading Christmas CVC words, captions & simple sentences together. Our teachers were so impressed with our blending! Our favourite activity this week has been reading "silly questions" and answering them by showing thumbs up or thumbs down. (e.g. *Can a pet be sad? Has a fox got six legs? Can a dog quack?* etc)
- ◆ This week it has been "**International Christmas Week**" in school. In Reception Class we have been thinking about how Christmas is celebrated in France. We listened to some French carols, learned how to say the names of the different characters from our Nativity in French and coloured in Christmas cards which said "Joyeux Noel".

## Our Christmas party!

## Homework

Reading - Please support your child with reading their new reading books, encouraging the children to sound out & blend unfamiliar words and read tricky words by sight. *Please do make a comment to let us know how your child managed at home with their reading books: we really do value your input.*

Phonics and letter formation - Please continue to practise recognition of all sounds taught so far and practise writing the letters (graphemes) as well encouraging and reminding of correct formation using the "froggy fingers" pencil grip.

Tricky words - Practise quick recognition of tricky words. *A new set of words was sent home last week.*

Maths - Ask your child to carefully count each set of Christmas objects & write a number in each circle to show how many there were.

Can you believe we are at the end of the first full term? The children have all done so well; settling in, learning school routines and coping with the long days. They have learnt so much in the weeks that they have been at school since September and we are so very proud of them all! Congratulations to them and to you as their parents/carers for such positive support. There are a few little homework jobs to do but it is just as important for them to enjoy a rest at home over the holidays to recharge their batteries.

## A couple of points to note...

The reading books which we have sent home today are for your child to read over the Christmas holidays. We would like them to be returned to school on Thursday the 8th of January 2026 please.

The homework in the children's Yellow Books is also to be completed during the Christmas holidays & returned to school by Wednesday the 7th of January please. Thank you for your continued support.

## Thank you!

A HUGE thank you for all of the good wishes and cards which we have received from the children. We all absolutely love working with the children, but your kind words and sentiments are much appreciated by the three of us. A long, and rather busy couple of half-terms have passed by since they started school with us back in September but your wonderful children have kept us all going with their positivity and zest for learning - an enormous well done to our gorgeous Reception Class!

from,  
Mrs Short, Mrs Silvester and Mrs Dietz

**Merry Christmas everyone and enjoy the holidays!**